

The Akron Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay, will be held Saturday, September 25, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The race course winds throughout the downtown area, including in and around the Akron Children's Hospital campus, causing road closures and traffic delays during the morning hours. We recommend that hospital visitors and employees budget extra time when coming to the hospital. To help you reach the hospital in a timely manner, we have prepared the following driving directions.

Akron Marathon morning driving directions to the Exchange St. deck/ER entrance – Saturday, September 25

From the North via I-77 S

Follow I-77 S to the Vernon Odom Blvd. (Rt. 261) exit (130). Turn left onto Vernon Odom Blvd. and follow into downtown Akron. Continue on Vernon Odom Blvd as it becomes W. Locust St. After you cross W. Cedar St., the Exchange St. deck entrance will be on the left. **To reach the ER entrance**, continue on Locust to the next light. Turn left onto Exchange St. The ER entrance will be on your right.

From the North via Rt. 8 S.

Follow Rt. 8 S to the I-76 E. Youngstown exit. Follow I-76 E to the Arlington St./Kelly Ave exit (24). When the exit ramp splits, stay to the left toward Kelly Ave./Goodyear Blvd. At the stop sign (Fuller Ave.), turn left and go underneath the expressway and turn left again toward I-76 W. Barberton. Follow I-76 W to the Rt. 59 E. Dart Ave. exit (21C). Turn right at the light onto Boulevard St. Follow Boulevard St. until you veer left onto 59-E Dart Ave. Follow Dart Ave. until the fourth light. **To reach the Exchange Street Deck**, turn right onto Cedar St. At the second light, turn left onto Locust St. The Exchange St. deck entrance will be on the left. **To reach the ER entrance**, continue on Dart Ave. to W. Exchange St. Turn right on W. Exchange St. The ER entrance will be on your left.

****ADDITIONAL NOTE FOR TRAVELERS FROM THE NORTH****

On the morning of the run, if you enter Akron from the NORTH using ANY major access point BETWEEN Route 8 and Revere Rd., you WILL run into a road blockage, detour or delay before you can reach Akron Children's Hospital. The ONLY way to avoid these traffic concerns is to follow the above directions.

From the West via I-76 E/I-77 N

Follow I-76/Rt. 224 E. to the I-76 E. exit. Follow I-76 E./I-77 N. to the Vernon Odom Blvd. (Rt. 261) exit (130). At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Frederick Blvd. Turn left onto Vernon Odom Blvd. and follow into downtown Akron. Continue on Vernon Odom Blvd as it becomes W. Locust St. After you cross W. Cedar St., the Exchange St. deck entrance will be on the left. **To reach the ER entrance**, continue on Locust to the next light. Turn left onto Exchange St. The ER entrance will be on your right.

From the West via W. Market St.

Follow W. Market St. east to intersection with Hawkins Ave. and W. Exchange St. Veer right onto W. Exchange St. Follow W. Exchange St. for about three miles as it becomes W. Cedar St. **To reach the Exchange Street Deck**, turn left onto Locust St. The Exchange St. deck entrance will be on the left. **To reach the ER entrance**, turn left at Dart Ave. and then right on W. Exchange St. The ER entrance will be on your left.

From the South via I-77 N

Follow I-77 N to the I-277 N./Rt. 224 W. exit (122B). Follow I-277 N./Rt. 224 W to the I-76 E./I-77 N. exit (1). Follow I-76 E./I-77 N. to the Vernon Odom Blvd. (Rt. 261) exit (130). At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Frederick Blvd. Turn left onto Vernon Odom Blvd. and follow into downtown Akron. Continue on Vernon Odom Blvd as it becomes W. Locust St. After you cross W. Cedar St., the Exchange St. deck entrance will be on the left. **To reach the ER entrance**, continue on Locust to the next light. Turn left onto Exchange St. The ER entrance will be on your right.

From the East via I-76 W

Follow I-76 W to the Rt. 59 E. Dart Ave. exit (21C). Turn right at the light onto Boulevard St. Follow Boulevard St. until you veer left onto 59-E Dart Ave. Follow Dart Ave. until the fourth light. **To reach the Exchange Street Deck**, turn right onto Cedar St. At the second light, turn left onto Locust St. The Exchange St. deck entrance will be on the left. **To reach the ER entrance**, continue on Dart Ave. to W. Exchange St. Turn right on W. Exchange St. The ER entrance will be on your left.